



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A tray for use in a patient care facility comprising:

a storage surface formed with a plurality of openings adapted to store a plurality of a patient's personal items,

said openings comprising a first substantially rectangular shaped opening and a second substantially circular shaped opening, said rectangular opening having three substantially planar sides extending down from said storage surface and surrounding a rectangular lower surface formed below said storage surface, wherein one side of said lower surface is joined with a side of said rectangular opening in said storage surface such that said lower surface is positioned at a non-parallel angle with respect to said storage surface;

a base or support for the storage surface formed below said storage surface and storage structures; and

a lateral movement restriction portion formed onto a lower surface of said base or support such that a patient in said patient care facility cannot easily move the tray.

2. (Previously presented) A tray as set forth in claim 1, further comprising

a plurality of personal item placement identification portions, wherein one of said identification portions is formed onto said lower surface.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) A storage tray for use in a patient care facility comprising:

a substantially rectangular and planar upper surface;

a base uniformly extending downwards from the edges and top of said upper surface in order to provide a depth below said planar upper surface;

a plurality of compartments recessed from said planar upper surface adapted to store a plurality of a patient's personal items of different shapes and sizes, one of said plurality of compartments comprising a rectangular shaped upper opening having three vertical sides extending from said upper surface and surrounding a rectangular lower surface, said rectangular shaped lower surface sloping downwards from a side of said opening; and

a tray base having a substantially non-skid or high friction co-efficient application attached or applied to a bottom surface of the tray base such that a patient in said patient care facility cannot easily move the tray.

7. (Previously presented) A storage tray as set forth in claim 6 further comprising one or more portions shaped in the form of identification symbols formed on said lower surface inside at least one said compartments.

8. (Previously presented) A storage tray as set forth in claim 7 further comprising personal item storage containers, including but not limited to denture cups, designed to fit securely within the compartment(s) recessed into the tray's planar surface.

9. (Previously presented) A storage tray comprising:

a substantially rectangular and planar surface;

a base beneath and joined to said planar surface;

a plurality of compartments recessed from said planar surface adapted to receive a different one of a plurality of personal items comprising eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids, one of said compartments having a first compartment formed with a rectangular opening at the level of said planar surface adapted to store said eyeglasses, said first compartment having a sloping floor that extends downwards at a sloping angle from a first side of said opening in said first compartment and joining with a bottom portion of a first side of said first compartment opposing said first side of said opening;

a tray base having a non-skid or high friction co-efficient application attached or applied to a bottom surface of the tray base;

one or more personal item storage containers adapted to fit into at least one of said compartments, one of said containers having an opening at a top portion of said container and a cylindrical shape which has a larger diameter at the top than at a bottom portion of said container; and

a weight or set of weights evenly distributed in a lower portion of the tray base.

10. (Previously presented) A storage tray of claim 9, wherein said personal item storage containers comprises denture cups, eyeglasses cases and hearing aid containers designed to fit securely within said compartments.

11. (Currently amended) A storage tray for use in a patient care facility comprising:

a storage surface;

a plurality of means for storing a patient's personal items disposed around said storage surface, said plurality of means for storing personal items including a means for loosely retaining at least one of said personal items and also being capable of allowing at least one of said personal items to be moved diagonally into or out of said means for loosely retaining at least one of said personal items;

a means for immobilizing said storage tray positioned underneath said storage surface such that a patient in said patient care facility cannot easily move the tray; and

a means for associating said personal items with said means for storing.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) A storage tray of claim 11 further comprising:

a means for storing personal items when said tray is placed in horizontal, vertical or a combination of horizontal and vertical positions.

14. (Currently amended) A tray for use in a patient care facility comprising:

a tray member having an upper surface including a substantially planar surface region and a plurality of depressed portions adapted for storing a patient's personal items, said portions comprising:

a first depressed portion with an elongated opening having therewithin a surface with a substantially concave region, said substantially concave region obliquely joined to said substantially planar surface region at one or more boundary areas between said substantially planar surface region and said elongated opening; and

a second depressed portion formed with a substantially circular opening, said second depressed portion having a side portion and a floor portion defining a substantially cylindrical cavity.

15. (Previously presented) A tray as defined in claim 14 wherein said substantially concave region comprises at least a first region and a second region wherein said first region is a substantially planar region.

16. (Currently amended) A tray as defined in claim 14 wherein ~~the area where~~ said substantially concave region and said substantially planar surface region converge defines to define a dihedron having an oblique dihedral angle.

17. (Previously presented) A tray as defined in claim 14 wherein said concave region comprises at least a third curved region.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) The tray of claim 1 wherein said personal items comprise eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids.

21. (New) The tray of claim 6 wherein said personal items comprise eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids.

22. (New) The tray of claim 11 wherein said personal items comprise eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids.

23. (New) The tray of claim 14 wherein said personal items comprise eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids.